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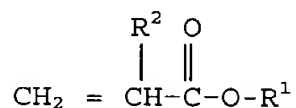
Page 2, the paragraph beginning on line 11, please replace with the following:

The inventors have now surprisingly found that the after-burning time of a polycondensate composition that contains the flame- retardant components (A) + (B) or (AB) according to the state of the art can be shortened if the flame-retardant composition also contains a polymer ~~compound~~ (C) comprising at least one type of olefine having 2-12 carbon atoms and 0.1-30 wt. % (relative to the weight of the polymer ~~compound~~) of at least one ~~compound~~ comonomer containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups.

Page 2, the paragraph beginning on line 32, through the paragraph ending on Page 4, line 10, please replace with the following:

As component (C), the flame-retardant composition according to the invention contains a polymer ~~compound~~ comprising at least one olefine having 2-12 carbon atoms and 0.1-30 wt. % (relative to the weight of the polymer ~~compound~~) of at least one ~~compound~~ comonomer containing acid, acid hydride or epoxy groups. Suitable ~~compounds~~ polymers are for example ethylene, propylene or ethylene-propylene copolymers containing 0.1-30 wt. % (relative to the weight of the copolymer ~~compound~~) of a comonomer containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups. Said polymers may also contain comonomers that do not contain the aforementioned groups, for example acrylic esters or vinyl acetate. Preferably the polymer ~~compound~~ contains 0.5-12 wt. % (relative to the weight of the polymer ~~compound~~) of a ~~compound~~ comonomer containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups. Examples of such ~~compounds~~ comonomers are acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic anhydride, glycidyl acrylate and glycidyl methacrylate.

In a preferred embodiment the polymer ~~compound~~ is a ~~compound~~ polymer having a general chemical composition based on E, X and Y, with E standing for an ethylene radical, X standing for a radical formed from the compound



where

R^1 = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R^2 = H, CH_3 or C_2H_5

and Y a radical formed from glycidyl (alkyl) acrylate; for example glycidyl (meth) acrylate.

Preferably the polymer compound based on E, X and Y contains 40-90 wt. % E, 1-40 wt. % X and 0.5-20 wt. % Y, the sum of the amounts being equal to 100 wt. %.

The use of polymer compounds having a chemical composition based on E, X and Y in concentrations of 1-20 wt. % in halogen-containing flame-retardant polyester compositions is known from EP-B1-174,343 (DuPont) for increasing the ductility of said polyester compositions, especially at low temperatures.